

one day at a friend's, and on returning home

told her mamma how fine it was. Her mother

which she had had, was informed, "Oh, we

had bread and molasses, and molasses and

bread"-ditto and ditto. That would be our

more substantial to live on than love. In these

and sometimes of a title. It calls to mind the

Oh how my pockets did jingle!

There is a serious side to this question, just

the same as there is to the new woman question.

As to the singleness of man, it is a question

public mind and thought, just as the woman

The general occupation of woman in the

various professions and businesses of life has

to the extent that woman has entered into these

general entry of woman into the business

walks of life, many men are out of employ-

ment. Years ago, when woman was womanly

and took care of the home, educated and trained

Now, while I have no objection to woman

in professional or business life, this much can

This is one reason why many men are single.

I hold it true whate'er befall,

I feel it when I count the cost;

Tis better to have loved and lost

Than to get married and be bossed

These are not the girls whom young men in

This is another reason for my single happi-

Recently I heard of a brilliant young wife

be advisable for a young M. D.?" said the doc-

portant." I have seen wives who did know as

I desire it to be perfectly understood that I

do not refer to any young woman in particular

She and she alone must rule,

I have seen many distinguished women with

the prefix "Miss" to their name. It always

is absorbed in work that causes them to neglect

Another thing that appalls me is the divorce

docket, which is by far the largest branch of

It pays at both ends, and man pays the toll.

to be as womanly as possible, to devote them-

belamate to man, instead of trying to convince

If a man cannot marry a woman, he does not

want any of these new-fangled up-to-date man-

nish acquisitions of the latter 19th century days.

These are a few reasons why I am single.

CONVERSATION CLUB.

"Under the Guns" as a Prize-Passing in

Rules of the Club .- 1. Write briefly. 2. Write only

of this column on the Honor Roll. First honor

will include all of these requirements. Second

honor will include a deficiency in some one point,

PRIZE PAPER.

Olls Bell Hotham is awarded "Under the

Guns," by Annie Wittenmyer, for her graceful

OLLA BELL'S SUNDAY EXCURSION.

smoke, and already, at 7 o'cleck, the day gave

"scorcher." No wonder we looked eagerly for-

At 7:20 we were off. Past charming little

One of our party, just from "Merrie Eng-

The sun was shining down through fog and

account of a Summer-day excursion.

him she is a man herself.

woman "as is a woman."

Review

business that consumes the time of our courts,

much as this one.

all have been married.

I wish I was single again.

fix, I guess, with plenty of molasses.

When I was single

lines which run-

question is now.

LOYAL HOME WORKERS.

Behoes from Sixth Annual Rennion-Greetngs of National Chaplain-Why Secretary Seaman is Single.

EDITOR'S REUNION TOKENS. Eugene Tinkham, Springfield, Mass., fayered the Editor with the badge of his Post, bearing upon the medallion a view of the U.S.

The levely roses sent by Mrs. Owens, of Cleveland, were worn at the National President's reception to the G.A.R.

"Pansies for Thought" was written on the card attached to exquisite flowers from Mattie E. Gammons, of Rhode Island.

WHY THEY WERE NOT THERE. A. H. Mundt and wife, who expected to attained by the serious illness of their darling flaxen-haired, black-eyed boy, now about two

years old. They send affectionate greetings to Edith M. Haines and her friend, both dressed on schedule time one bright sunny morn with the dew on the grass and the birds singing sweetly. But on going down a bank 10 miles from East St. Louis the friend's chain broke, and she went wandering off into a watermelon patch until her wheel broke; a little later the the children, men were more generally emtwo girls were taken home in a farmer's wagon, ployed. with their wheels laid up on a load of cabbage. Then Edith became ill, and now she looks for-

ward to meeting one and all at St. Paul. Rev. J. S. Lemon, National Chaplain, sent his regrets, with best wishes for a delightful Re- their taking unto themselves wives. Man union. The illness of Mrs. Lemon detained him at home. Treasurer Mary L. Best wrote a touching

Man formerly earned enough to support himself letter, recalling the plans which she and her and family; to reverse the order, woman does | dentally, that one is wearing his sister's bicycle dear departed sister Lucie had made to be at not earn enough to support the man, or it might cap. Louisville, and thanking all for the sympathy | work just as well for man to get married, stay reaching her and her family from C. C. friends at home, and let wifey earn the living. For lized his sister's shirt waist, and No. 3 tells all over the country by letters and resolutions. | myself, Charles E. Lewars, Reading, Pa., sent his regrets, recalling pleasant memories of the Pittsburg Reunion and recounting a trip over the

Allegheny Mountains. Emma S. Perkins, Rhode Island, Secretary. sent a stirring rally, following her regrets, urging every L.H.W. to work earnestly to make their association second to none.

Fine messages to follow. Look out for them.

COMMITTEE ON MISS MILLER'S BADGE. The committee in full to act with President Kate E. Sherwood in presenting the gold C. C. padge to Miss Elvira Sydnor Miller, Chairman of the Ladies' Press Committee, were as follows, representing 26 States and the District of Co-

Will P. Martsch, California; W. A. Kellogg, Connecticut: W. C. Hibbs, NATIONAL TRIB-UNE, District of Columbia; Lydia Day, Florida; Rose Jansen, Illinois; Edith Dickey, Indiana; Victor Crossthwaite, Iowa: Bertha Schupp, Kansas: Georgia Martin, Kentucky; Hosea Ballon, Massachusetts; Julius Gogarn, Michigan; Fred Boyer, Minnesota; T. S. Chapman, Mississippi; Amos L. Seaman, Missouri; Retta Hageman, Nebraska; Warner Hargrove, New Jersey : Addie Stevens, New York : N. E. Curry, North Dakota; M. Dell Adams, Ohio; Zoe E. Owen, Ohio; Denard Montague, Oregon; Mrs. Kate E. Hand, Oklahoma; Rube S. Martin, Penusylvania; Emma Perkins, Ehode Island; John King, Tennessee; Laura Rivers, Vermont; Dr. S. F. McClurg, West Virginia; Henry

Buchen, Wisconsin. GREETINGS, DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS! ans, U. S. A., in session at Louisville, honored | for granted that the shoe pinches somewhere, the Loyal Home Workers with a special invita- and we might guess where, tion to attend their reception tendered the la these days when the young women in neck and heels, the conductor gently assists He hits on a plan of attack. The Mideanites Grand Army of the Republic at the Galt House. our cities are so mannish, it would seem that one up the high step. As many of the Loyal Home Workers are also | they scorned the idea of marriage. They do ant to all. The Daughters of Veterans extend- to marry one of these up-to-date girls possessed just at the moment one thinks one has it. ed formal greetings as follows, which were or- of the idea that

HEADO'RS OF NATIONAL ALLIANCE, D. OF V., ) To the Association of Loyal Home Workers: We, the members of the sixth annual Convention, Daughters of Veterans, assembled, do hereby ex- seemed to me a miss take, only no one would

tend our greetings of love and best wishes for the take the "Miss." You can rely on it that no Yours, in F., C., and L., ADDIE A. YORK.

Committee on Greetings. GREETINGS FROM NATIONAL CHAPLAIN. My DEAR L. H.W. AND C.C. FRIENDS: By ply to the question of whether woman shall the suffrages of your representatives in the an- enter into the various fields of activity in life

With grave doubts as to the wisdom of the | their household affairs, selection. I assume the duties of the position, | Perhaps by a struggle with time I could find trusting that I may not disappoint expectations, a wife who would properly care for her home and be helpful to all. I invite you to communi- duties, and yet interest herself in other affairs cate with me, more especially with those who of life. There are such women, but they are are in "fiery trials" and "deep waters," to the as rare as icicles in July at the equator. It end that "we bear each other's burdens,"

To all and singular I commend the Gospel of Paul as written to his Philippian brethren, partner to share my trials and troubles. I am (see Phil., 4:6-8, inclusive,) that the great | not in that notion just yet, however, and the purpose of our beloved organization may be- prospects do not brighten as the up-to-date girl come fixed facts in our lives, and have their advances upon her retrograding suicidal amweight and influence with those about us. No bitions. matter what may be our creed or church relation, the truth of the rhythmic lines will be

apparent:

From scheme and creed the light goes out, The saintly fact survives; The blessed Master nove can doubt, Revealed by holy lives."

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. Amen. Loyally and fraternally, Pro Patria-Frank selves to womanly work, to be as unlike man McMurray, Canton, O.

WHY I AM SINGLE.

An Argument in Favor of the Single Standard. By Amos L. Seaman.

Why I was asked to read a paper upon a subject languishing for want of a better fate I do not know, What should I know about a question which might seem to be designed for some crusty, antiquated fossil of antediluwish origin to answer; or possibly some jolly, fat personage, who has lived a life of experience in unification, with no dreams of the terrorizing paregoric-bottle or hallscinations Olla Bell Hotham's Sunday Excursion Wins that beget bedposts and tacks at every turn upon the cold floor of the midnight-darkened

It were better far for those to answer whe have not, after years of mental, and I might Write en one subject, 5, Write your best, 6. Each say sentimental reflections, concluded to com- week the names of those writing the best lettersmit the suicide of happiness and bliss, sweet peace and joy, by taking unto themselves a crai merit considered—will be named at the head of this relieve to the honor Roll First honor.

I have heard, however, the over-patient, toiling Benedict picture in eloquent terms, such as we will not always find in Webster, or sanctioned by the Bible, dreams that ne'er were dreampt before. Again I see the patient Benediet, aroused from his nocturnal similer, pacing up and down the floor, hunting paregoric, stepping on a tack or pin which someone has kindly left there, well knowing if it could be found his feet would discover its hiding-place; then promise of being what is vulgarly called a he tries to knock the bedpost down with his little toc. Man, poor man! All this, and then | ward to escaping from the heat and dust of the you ask why I am single!

I have been allowed only 15 minutes to tell my tale of woe, and I am thinking that wisdom | villages, through valleys and over hills we were should have prompted them to make it five, swiftly borne, and after a ride of four hours the apstead of 15 nametes. City by the Lake was reached.

In the first place, I sen single because I was | Dinner was the thought uppermost in the born that way, and, secondly, because I have mind of each one who had not brought a lunch. never been sufficiently encouraged to take on | We were among that number, and, although a plurality. I am open to conviction, that is, we had consumed a goodly amount of fruit on the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the I am open to any reasonable or seasonable argu- the train, yet we were all hungry. So to dinment with a smack of sentiment to it, as to ner we went, why I should leave my singular state,

I am afraid that my case would be similar to land," was greatly interested in our American that of many young men. The outgo is heavy ways. "Roasting cars was something unfor the ephemeral income. Living in a flat or known and undreamed of, and so the ear of suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish on the fifth floor of an apartment house has no corn as it lay on the plate was eyed distrust- it this recipe in German, French or English, with

And as for the table-well, that would be "What is wrong?" we asked, and a finger of somewhat like the little girl who took dinner | scorn was pointed at the corn,

"That!" came the answer, emphatically given. "It looks horrid! Why, it's like what we feed the cows at home! I never can eat "I don't believe you know how," said one of

our party, with a shy wink,

"Well, how do you eat it?" our "English cousin" asked, defiantly. "You just wait till I get ready for mine, and I'll show you. Now," a moment later, "look

here." Such an exaggerated picture as he made, with both elbows on the table, and both hands grasping the ear of corn as though afraid it would disappear, while his eyes rolled from one to the other, as if seeking to read encontagement and approval in our faces. Of course, we laughed. Our English cousin was disgusted.

"I never can eat like that," was the decision, so the lesson in corn-eating went for naught. "Now," said the hero of the corn exploit, " want you people to burry with your pie. Not that I begrudge the pie, but I do begrudge the time."

Thus admonished we dispatched our pie, all

unmindful of the grim tyrant dyspepsia, and were ready to take in the town. wishing to know what it was that was so fine The lake was our objective point, of course. I shall never forget the first view I had of it. We boarded an electric car and, after a ride of about four miles, found ourselves going down and down into a hollow, where trees met over-Now I want to live, and I want something head and kept the sunshine out and the gloom in. Then quite suddenly we burst out into the days a young man who wishes to marry is only light again, and there, in all its shimmering expected to be the possessor of a private mint, beauty, tinted off like a great, gleaming opal,

lay Lake Erie. "It is the lake!" As though entranced we took in its beauty until aroused by the conductor's stentorian "End of the route!" when we all got out and made our way to the beach. How softly and sinuously, and with what a slow, undulating movement the waves come in! And nowereaching the beach line, they tend Reunion, the guests of relatives, were de- which will, a year or so hence, be absorbing the seem to pause, for a breath of time, before hurling themselves, all sparkling and laughing, upon the sand and pebbles at one's very feet, while they throw their spray defiantly into

one's face. One feels a desire to join a crowd of boys who in blue, started to Louisville on their bicycles | fields either crowded man out, or materially | leap and dance in the water; but mindful of the reduced his earnings. To-day, owing to the absence of the implements wherewith to recurl one's tresses, the desire is successfully resisted. And so we go on, gathering up the shells by the lakeside. And the crowd comes and goes, up and down, this way and that, and, suddenly, without warning, for we have not noticed the clouds, great drops of rain begin to fall, and everybody scurries to some shelter.

As for us, we leave the lake and once more be expected: that whatever tends to reduce the board the electric car, with the sighing of the employment of men, reduces the chances of | wind and the waves in our ears, and three very would-be smart young men in the seat in cannot justly marry who cannot support a wife. | front of us. And all the way back to town they chew gum

and get off stale jokes. And we learn, inci-And Matt accuses Craig of having monopohow he went to take his best girl driving, but was met by her father and forced to take him instead. And we laugh at these giddy ones,

not because we think they are witty, but be cause somewhere and somehow we have read There are a great many nice girls to love or heard these words, "An' I told her there was and court, who would not make excellent | a jay born ev'ry minute in the day!" wives. That counts for something. It is nice By and by we are transferred to another car, to be a charming, attractive, and popular girl, and the last we see of the "Willies" they are but it is sad to note that many young men in | chewing gum and smiling softly. To the docks to watch the boats go out and these days will not marry, because there are so many young women who expect to do abso-lutely nothing when married but amuse them-and we smile and think there are some folks a

day. Such is human nature! Then, after we have seen all there is to be these days are looking for. As I heard it once ex- | seen, and smelled the odor of fish and decaying pressed by one person, "They are in the world, wood to our heart's content, we go and board but not of it," but more accurately expressed | another car, bound for "The Cedars." And by another, "They are of the world, but not | when we are about a quarter of a mile from our destination the car stops, and we are told we can go no farther, as the track is blocked

selves and meditate on their own shining suc- | shade wickeder than we this glad, bright Sun-

on account of some repairs being made. So off we get, not without some grumbling, who evidently looked on life as a guess or you may be sure, and go the rest of the way dream. One day said she to her husband, who afoot. We meet some people, who, after giving was a young doctor. "John, why don't you go us a penetrating stare, say something about "so into politics?" "Do you think that would | many Pittsburgers." And we long for a looking-glass to see whether we have the regulation who have such a soft snap, and seem so im- nized?

and once more carried back to town. In Eric, when one wishes to board a car, one in this paper, so that if I am lectured after is allowed to wait until the motoneer (we of | 300 remain. But the enemy seemed countless. | and not Orpah. The National Alliance, Daughters of Veter- the conclusion of this paper, I shall take it Pittsburg call it motorman) has brought the V. 12. Gideon, accompanied by Phurah, apcar to a standstill. Then, instead of being

members of the Sons of Veteraus or Daughters | not care to marry as rapidly as did they a | bell, leaving one to clutch wildly and vainly victorious. of Veterans, the fraternizing was most pleas- few years past; nor is the young man as anxious for the strap that always swings out of reach O, no; the Eric conductor blandly waits till of the bell, and the car starts on its way again, and one is serenely conscious that he has not contributed to the amusement of his fellowpassengers, who in turn may have amused

> But being accustomed to being thrown into man would have any of them, or they would a car in hap-hazard fashion gives one a feeling of uncertainty when one is permitted to enter We are speaking of the whys for our singleand sit down in Christian fashion. ness, therefore what I have to say does not ap-

The time for leaving comes all too soon. At 5:30 we have finished our supper, and, in nual Convention assembled at Louisville, Ky., or not. I am sure that, as a rule, however, men the station, and are once more in our train. I was elected to serve as Chaplain during the do not care to marry women whose whole time At 6 we are homeward bound, and our visit to the lakeside city a thing of the past.

We had enjoyed the day, despite the showers. that now and then descended upon us. But Madge, in a reflective mood, gave vent to this expression:

"It wasn't right for us to go on Sunday. If it had been it wouldn't have rained and spoiled grieves me to meditate upon this state of affairs, the ending of it, Sunday excursions are wrong." for I may some day feel inclined to select a And that, by the way, is also the opinion of-Olla Belle Hotham, 133 Pearl street, Pittsburg, Pa.

PASSING IN REVIEW. The parents of Eva Grate, Oceanside, Cal. send through John Brunny, Chairman Committee on Condolence, their sincere thanks and appreciation of the sympathies extended them and for which we poor men pay them a fat by the Loyal Home Workers and C. C., indi-

salary. There you are again; we pay the preacher to splice and the Judge to unsplice. reavement. Ella E. Calkins, Lacelle, Iowa, who is a Now, I want to urge, in conclusion, the girls graduate in penmanship and pen art, and who does exquisite work on visiting-cards, etc., would appreciate orders. She would esteem it as possible (he's bad enough), and to try to re. a favor if members of the C. C. or L. H. W. residinfuse confidence in man that there is such a | ing in large cities will give her information person as woman living, who breathes and | concerning woman's exchanges; addresses of

loves and cherishes the happiness of being a officers desired. REVOLUTIONARY QUERY.

Can anyone aid me in a question of ancestry? I find from Connecticut Revolutionary Rolls that one Jonathan Hill enlisted May 5, 1777 for three years, in Capt, Clift's company, 3d and we will stay single until we each have a Line: residence not given. If some descendant of Capt. Clift, or of some member of his company, have the muster-roll or other evidence to determine the place of residence of said Jonathan Hill, I might be able to settle the question of relationship. Any information through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE will be thankfully received by-

An Old Soldier's Widow, Duluth, Minn. IN MEMORY OF EDWYN LERCH. Whereas in the dispensation of Divine Previdence, who has again seen fit to deplete our ranks here on earth and take to Himself our enthusiastic

Brother, Edwyn R. Lerch, of Erie, Pa.: Therefore, Resolved. That we recognize in the loss of a noble Leyal Home Worker a gain in the realms that we all seek to reach at His call, while we bow our heads in submissive sympathy for the sorrow-stricken parents of our departed brother, whose noble and brilliant talents scintillated alike with admirable examples of his many virtues. And in token of this recognition we tender to his lonely parents, to the utmost of our power, our earnest

Resolved, That, in token of our high respect for the departed, a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved parents, to the L. H. W. columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and for our record pages

consolation.

A. H. Mundt, Mattie Elliott, Zoe E. Owen, Thee. E. Stout Committee.

Consumption Cured. An old physician, retired from practice, had speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Broachitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, Having tested its wonderful curative powers in full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this W. A. Noves, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester,

Study of the International Sunday-School Lesson Appointed for Oct. 13, 1895.

Subject: The Triumph of Gideon, Jud., 7:13-23.

fone reading these notes should first carefully study the paragraph from the Holy Scriptures as indicated above.l

INTRODUCTION. Many persons lose much benefit, which they might otherwise get, from studying the Bible,

by mere quibbling. Henry B. Roberts said wise words: "There may be seeming discrepancies in the Bible that I cannot explain, but I am not going to lose my soul because I do not know whether there were 25,000 or 35,000 Hittites killed in some

Washington Gladden has the following to say as to how to make the Bible of most use: The question is, whether the Bible is helping you to do right every day; whether its influence upon you tends to make you more truthful, more gentle, more upright, more pure, more helpful, more just, more patient, more brave. If you are using it so as to get such a revenue as this out of it for yourself and for others, you are using it in the right way." GIDEON'S TRIUMPH.

Data. Jud., 7: 13-23. One should read the 12 verses preceding.

Time. A. M. 2759, or B. C. 1245. Place.

The Midianites were encamped in the plain of Esdraelon.

We can get an idea of the scene from an account given by a Palestine traveler. He wrote: Judea. "We were out upon the vast plain of Esdraelon, and surrounded by places of especial Scripture importance. Let me sketch the view. We were looking north. Spread out before us, and stretching away to the hills of Galilee, was one of the largest and richest plains in all the world. From west to east it sweeps from the Mediterranean to the Jordan, a distance of about 50 miles. This morning Esdraelon was covered with young grain and grass and wild flowers, like a soft and variegated carpet. Herds of cattle and horses and flocks of sheep and goats dotted the level fields and the sloping hill-sides; while olive groves, springing up in every favorable place, gave a welcome variety to the scene. To our right, and just back of us, on the southeastern edge of the plain, was Mt. Gilboa, where Gideon chose his 300, and sweetened-how disappointment led to conwhere Saul and Jonathan met their untimely | gratulation. death. Directly east of us the plain sloped down to the valley of the Jordan, and beyond were the mountains of Moab rising like an extended battlement, their tops crowned with snow.

"Immediately in front of us, on a projecting spur of Gilbon, was the site of ancient Jezreel, the capital of Ahab and his wicked Queen, and the scene alike of their cruelty and their retribution. A few miles further our eyes rested upon Little Hermon, rising like a watchful sentinel in the midst of the plain. On its southeastern slope is Shunem, where Elijah restored the child to life. On the opposite, or northern, slope of Little Hermon are Endor and Nain, while away in the dim distance, behind a sharp ridge, which belongs to the Galileean chain, forming the northern boundary of Esdraelon, nestles the pretty city of Nazareth. On our left was Mt. Carmel, its long ridge skirting the plain and its bold promontory jutting out into the Mediterranean." The Circumstances.

Gideon was son of Joash-tribe of Manasseh Israelites were in great straits and needed a tal, and religious languidness, deliverer. God called on Gideon to undertake the work of rescue. Gideon hesitated, but tor. "Well, I thought," replied wifey, "that | black smudge decorating our noses, for by what | God gave him miraculops evidence of the | all discussion. It heads off temptation. Form you might get to be one of those ward-heelers, other characteristic could we have been recog- divineness of the call, Gideon appeals for firm resolutions in the right and stand immovforces and soon had an army of 32,000. They able It begins to rain, this time in earnest, so we marched to the scene of coming couflict. An hurry back to the car. We are just in time, opportunity is given for any who feel fainthearted to return home. Only 10,000 keep the field. These are further thinned out till only | Bethlehem. Away from Moab! Imitate Ruth proaches the enemy's camp and overhears a seized by the arm and dragged upon the car | dream which reinforces the courage of Gideon. are deceived. Midnight and imagination did And not even then does he fiercely ring the the work of demoralizing them. Gideon was

The approach was made in utmost silence. The torches were invisible-hidden in the pitchers. All of a sudden, in the darkness, 300 one is seated. Then there is the musical jingle | trumpets gave blast and 300 torches glowed and 300 tongues shouted: "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," Cf. Vs. 14 and 20. MEDITATION FOR OCT. 20.

> Preliminary. Paulus Cassel wrote: "The little Book of Ruth consists of only 85 verses, but these inclose a garden of reses as fragrant and full of mystic calyxes as those which the modern traveler still finds blooming and twining about the solitary ruins of Israel and Moab, this side the Jordan and beyond."

The Book of Ruth is sequel to Judges and introduction to I Samuel. It is hence a link. It connects the Government of the Israelites by Judges with the Monarchy. It furnishes the geneology of David from Abraham. Ruth is introduced into the ancestry of Christ. Often the Book of Ruth is called an Appendix of Judges. The adoption of the Moabitess Ruth into the Hebrew Church was a preintimation of the broadening of the Israelitish fold by the incoming of the Gentiles. The doctrine most emphasized by the Book of Ruth is that of Providence-the interest of God in human affairs.

Outline of Book of Ruth. 1. When written? B. C. 1050. 2. Where? Jerusalem.

3. Author? God. 4. Amanuensis? Samuel. 5. How data gotten? 2 Pet., 1:21.

6. Language? Hebrew. 7. Time covered? 10 years.

S. Meaning of the word Ruth? Satisfied. 9. Number of chapters? 4. 10. Number of verses? 85. 11. Middle verse? 2:21.

12. Number of letters? 13. Year of received English translation? 1620.

14. Sections? 3. 15. Old Testament references to Ruth? 16. New Testament references to Ruth?

17. Order of Ruth as a Book of the Bible Eighth. 18. Literary class of book? Historical. 19. Order of historical book? Third. Principal male characters? Elimelech, Mahlou, Chillon, Boaz, Obed.
 Principal female characters? Naomi,

22. Lessons. Notes on Outline. 1. There is considerable difference of opinion as to authorship. 2. The data was gotten not only as shown in

Ruth, Orpah.

Pet., 1:21, but by observation and documents at hand. 3. Authors differ as to derivation of the name Ruth, rendering it a female friend, a rose, satis-

4. The three sections are: a. Chapter 1-Account of Elimelech's family. b. Chapters 2, 3, and 4: 1-12-Ruth and Bouz.

e. Chapter 4: 13-22-Birth of Obed and

geneology of David. 5. The only other woman who gives name to a book of the Bible is Esther. The book of Ruth is of special interest to young women. Benj. F. Taylor once wrote a letter to Miss House, of Lowville, N. Y. Con-

cluding, he says: "Dear girls, I pray you read the book of Ruth, That old love-story beautiful as truth; Of one who lives in everlasting youth, And say with her to truth, 'forever thine,' Thy God my God and thy people mine! So shall you keep in loving step with Time, And life's sweet cadence prove a perfect rhyme. And when at last the song is done, And level shines the dying sun. Another dawn will show its early light

And bid 'good morn' though you have said Good

RUTH'S CHOICE.

Night."

Ruth, 1:14-22. Time. B. C. 1176. This is the date of the separation of Orpah from Naomi and Ruth; also, the year of the arrival of Naomi and Ruth in Judea.

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The three widows were in the land of Moab, east of the Dead Sez, probably 100 miles from Bethlehem. We may suppose they went north to about opposite Gilgal and then crossed the

Jordan. Then they passed southwest to Beth-Bethlehem is six miles south of Jerusalem. It is in the tribe of Judah. On account of its fruitfulness it was called Ephratah. It was the birthplace of David, Joab, Abishai and Asahel. It is specially notable as the place in which our Savior was born. The modern name is Beit Lahm. It was the former home of Naomi. There she was married to Elimelech; there were born Mahlou and Chilion, Only for a famine the family would probably never have left the city. But in that case we would have lost one of the most precious books in God's Word.

hem. Ten years had made great changes. Naomi had seen much sorrow. She had buried

The Arrival.

At length Naomi and Ruth reached Bethle-

her husband in a foreign land. She had laid by his side her two sons. She had returned widow and childless. Doubtless she had become much changed physically. So her old neighbors ask, "Is this Naomi?" Her very name, which means the lovable, the full of grace, seemed to her misplaced and grating. She wanted to be called Mara (bitter), as more fitting her bereaved and desolate condition. She could not wear such a presentable appear ance then as when in wealth and happy with her husband and sons. She left Bethlehem full of cheer, of domestic happiness, of financial resources. She returned empty as to all these

blessings. Naomi. The word Naomi means beautiful, pleasant. She was the widow of Elimelech.

Formerly she resided at Bethlehem; was married there; her sons born there. Had two sons-Mahlon and Chilion, Mahlon married Ruth, and Chilion, Orpah. (Josephus Aut., 5, 9, 1.) These daughters-in-law of Naomi were Moabitesses. It seems the marriages were violations of Ex., 34: 12-16; Deu., 7: 3. Removed with husband and sons from Bethlehem to Moab because there was a famine in

After an absence of 10 years she proposed to return to Bethlehem, having heard that there was an end of the famine there. Her two sons had meanwhile died, leaving Ruth and Orpah widows.

The three widows, Naomi, Ruth and Orpah, set out for Bethlehem. On the road Naomi bade the daughters-in-law halt, and tried to persuade them to return to Moab. It is generally believed she was sincere. She was too poor to give them position. Jos.

Ant., 5, 9, 1, Reaching Bethlehem she was greeted by her old friends as Naomi, but she begged them to call her Marah, which means bitter, just the opposite of Naomi, which means sweet. The sequal shows how the Marah waters became Ruth.

A Moabitess. Married Mahlon. Was left a young widow. Set out with mother-in-law to Bethlehem. Urged to return to Moab; she declined; thus Land. 2:11. Father, 2:11.

Mother, V. 8 and 2: 11, Relatives. Gods, 16, 15, Sister-in-law, 15. Prospects of a Moabite husband. Went to Bethlehem. Because poor she went into the fields of Boaz

to gather the gleanings of wheat. The Chaldee Targum supposes she was daughter of Eglon, King of Moab, Ancestor of David. 4:18-22. Ancestor of Christ. St. Matt., 1:5.

Suggestions. 1. Be persistent in entreaty, prayer, etc. V 16. Cf. St. Matt., 15:21-28. Have heart, -resident of Ophrah a husbandman. The spirit, in your address. Away with social, men-2. Finally settle your case and stick to it. Eph., 6:13. Be decisive in manner. It stops

> 3. If following Christ, let nothing influence vou to go back. St. Matt., 8:19-22; 19:16-22; St. John, 6:66-69. Set your face toward 4. Be on the Lord's side. There are two sides-Ruth's and Orpah's; one is toward the true God, the other toward hand-made gods.

> There is a fan in Christ's hand. The chaff must be shaken from the wheat. 6. It is well on the start to state all the diffi culties. Naomi did so in verses 12 and 13. But, after a decision is reached, stop. V. 18. De not pester. Do not over-persuade. You may annoy. Naomi "left speaking" when she saw how firm Ruth was. 6. Cuitivate pleasant domestic relations.

> There is a Christian way of treating childrenin-law and mothers-in-law. Augustine's mother. Monica, suffered shameful abuse from her mother-in-law. King Lillefort's wife, Matabrung, was very unkind to her daughter-inlaw, Beatrix. The case of Naomi and her daughters-in-law rebukes all such unseemly conduct. Origin makes a strong ethical point

> 7. God punishes wrong. 20, 21. If we realize this we shall not so complain. Punishment in this view is corrective, not vindictive V. 17); afflictive, not punitive. 8. Leave all and follow Christ. St. Matt., 10:37; St. Lu., 14:26.

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EUGENIE LOST HER WAGER. Boxed the Ears of a Royal Guard, but He Did Not Move.

Nothing could be more magnificent than the appearance of everything appertaining to the court on all public occasions. The balls, especially, in the various splendid rooms, particularly in the immense "Salle des Marechaux," were a sight not to be forgotten, from the first entrance, and ascent by the great staircase adorned with flowers and shrubs, where on each step stood two of the "Cent-gardes" (the Emperor's body-guard) as motionless as statues. Nothing was more remarkable than the drill which enabled these men, on all occasions when on duly at the palace, to remain without moving a muscle. The fatigue of this immobility is said to be so great that it could not be endured beyond a certain time, but it was so complete that to come suddenly on one of these gurads in the palace was positively startling. It was scarcely possible to believe that they were alive. They were all remarkably fine men, sub-officers chosen out of various regiments; and when the war came they proved that they were not merely parade soldiers,

for they figured among the best and bravest troops. One day the little Prince, when a young child, in the hope of making the sentinel move, poured a whole bag of sweets into his boot, but without eliciting any sign of life from the military statue before him. This play of the child being mentioned in the presence of Col. Verly, who commanded the regiment, he declared that nothing could make one of his men move when on duty. The Empress would not believe this assertion. and finally laid a wager that she would contrive to make one of the guards move. Col. Verly having accepted the wager, the Empress went with him into the neighboring gallery, where they walked backward and forward before the sentinel, the Empress trying by every means to attract his attention. The guard stood as if turned into stone. Col. Verly smiled. The Empress, with her characteristic impetuosity, then went straight up to the soldier, and, according to familiar speech, "boxed his ears." Not a muscle moved. The Empress then acknowledged that Col. Verly had won the day, and sent a handsome compensation to the soldier, who proudly refused it, saying that he was sufficiently compensated by baving had his severeign lady's hand on his cheek!-The October Century.

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WILLIAM K. FORSYTH,



J. C. M., the subject of our sketch, has been prominent in the puzzle world for upwards of 22 years. Whole-souled and untiring, he has ever worked zealously, with the interest of the Sphinx at heart, and even now, with failing eyesight, due to his nearing four score years in life, he writes that he feels quite lonesome that he is obliged to rejuctantly lay aside the old friends which arrive by nearly every mail. Back in the days of Cerebrations, Salmagundi, and Our Puzzler we find his name among our foremost puzzlers, and in our later-day departments we still find evidence of his great ability as a solver. J. C. M. constructed the first 13-letter diamond, though it lacked one letter of being complete, a matter the lexicons of to-day would easily have remedied. It was considered a rest schievement, and the diamond appeared in Our Puzzier in 1878. At that time he was also an adept in the Maude style of verse work, but later has given us chiefly squares and diamonds. His first solving, he writes, was in 1871, in the Chronicle. Sitting with his four-year-old grandson upon his knee, he came across a charade for the solution of which a gold pen was offered. Reading it over, he readily solved it and said, in a loud voice: ound it." The little boy asked him what he bad found and he told him. Then he asked if he would get the prize. "No," replied our friend; "it is for boys and girls, and I am no boy. "Well," said he, "put my name to it." This was done, and the answer took the prize. The grandson's name was J. C. Milligan, and from first signing his initials the veteran puzzler came to adopt his nomde-plume, 24 years ago. After all these years, forced to succumb to the hand of Time, we can but wish him God speed, trusting his good, kind face will occasionally be seen at Sphinx's shrine.

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Authors of word-forms: Cloves (2), Rokeby, J. E. W., Dan D. Lyon (2), Phil Down, Phil.

NEW PUZZLES .- NO. 211, NO. 2050-NUMERICAL. A married man should 4 to 1 His wife, and all excesses shun,

So should he duly 4 to 8 Matters affecting his estate; Nor like the TOTAL, ever be 'Upon the ocean," or "at sea," -MAUDE, St. Joseph, Mo.

NO. 2051-DIAMOND. 1. A letter. 2. A village of France, in Ardeche. 3. Colors. 4. Besmears with bird-lime. 5. Things held allodially. 6. An instrument consisting of a tube having one end open and the other covered with a thin, flexible membrane, to the center of which is attached a small mirror. 7. A Frankish dagger about two feet long. 8. Wolf-fishes. 9. Deer-tracks. 10. A spring of mineral water. 11. -REX FORD, Alplaus, N. Y. A letter.

NO. 2053-CHARADE. Save when the lightning's flash illumes the wave, The hideous night upon the world frowns dark : The wind, with shrill and cerie cries and sighs, Now shricks, now sobs, around a fated bark.

All, all is black; no single hope to cheer, No star to shed a friendly Two around; No welcome ONE appears to glad the eye-All lost alike amid the night profound,

Such fearful scenes the gayest heart becloud, And mock the skillful artist to COMPLETE! Next morn above the fateful spot there rolls A smiling sea, warm-kissed by zephyrs sweet. -COMRADE, Baltimore, Md.

NO. 2054-DIAMOND. 1. A letter. 2. To wrap up in, or cover with, a eowi. 3. Food. 4. Wood pigeons. 5. Spanish diplomatist; d. 1837. 6. A nævus. 7. Kinds of primroses, 8, Italian pianist and composer; b. 1811. 9, Insidious, 10, Yellow or gold colors,

11. A letter.

-ROKEBY, Ridge, O.

NO. 2055-DOUBLE TRANSPOSITION. (To Eugene.) The Indian smiled a primal smile On two who would the time beguile With mystic memories which lock Round one carved from the living rock Where through the PRIMAL winds the Nile,

CTwas a cigar-store in the block

Where stands the Inter-Ocean clock,

In front of which they FINAL while The Indian smiled.) "Back in ten minutes"; but they file For hours on. "For fine a mile I've run, but here "-ah, what a shock! The spot was barren as a dock.

And on him, in sardonic style, The Indian smiled. -SWAMP ANGEL, Rock Falls, Ill.

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS.

Shoo Fly is getting out what is, in many respects, a very good department, though he seems to lack support. He puts some pertinent questions to veteran puzzlers this month, wishing to know of them if the tyro editor's aims and objects are not as worthy encouragement as the veteran's, and if they are not for the upbuilding of the same cause. It is not unlikely the average old-time puzzler has in the past fared so roughly at the hands of amateur printers he has become fearful of trusting his work to their mercies. Tredge, Larvaster, and Sespeggiands are not easily recognized as Uredge, Zoroaster, and Serpeggiaudo, Mr. Sheo Fly, and it occurs to us that one's refusal to edit a column without being permitted to personally read and revise the proof might produce the desired effect by eradicating the cause.—We appreciate the fact that the one thing people in general are most ready to dispense is advice, and it is very seldom we presume to offer the article, but if all our friends will give a kindly ear for a moment we will whisper a word or two as to the advisability of reading "Better Than a Pension." will all agree to act upon the advice it is not likely "Chat" will again be curtailed-as was the case last week-to press the matter. --- We take considerable pride in our last issue, which contained contributed matter of the highest order, not an obsolete word appearing to mar the forms. The rhymed diamond was a gem.—Rex Ford is thanked for the dollar and batch of pure "elevens." One is used at once, - Calvin generously effers to send "Cabala" six months for the best diamond, upon any given word, contributed to "Mystery."
We choose the word HAZARDOUSLY.—Percy Vere's Byronic characters in our "Chat" of Sept. 26 should have read Percy Vere's Byronic charades. Shoo Fly will please have a eigar at our expense.

Next week we hope to picture another veteran poser, well on toward 80 years of age. Perhaps we may finally convince "Mr. Pitcher" that puzzlers are not all "children."

10-10-'95.

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

Fattening Poultry in England.

Accounts have been given at various times of the fattening of poultry in the southeastern Counties of England, but some further observations in Sussex and the adjoining districts, as well as the growing importance of the industry, warrant me in dealing with this subject at the present time.

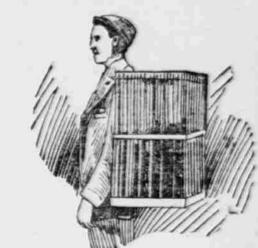
So far as can be learned, this fattening industry has been carried on in Sussex and Surrey for a very long period of time, certainly more than a hundred years, but we have not found any record as to its origin. Now very little is done in Surrey; and in Sussex, Heathfield and Uckfield are the two great centers, supplies being drawn from a wide area to the two stations just named. In the adjoining district of West Kent there has been a development in this direction, and now fattening establishments are to be found around Tunbridge Wells and Hawkhurst, and at Marden, Biddenham, Appledore, and Ham street. Still, the great bulk of the work is done between Heathfield and Uckfield, the former place producing more in this way than all the others put together. In 12 months no less than 1.350 tons of dead fowls were dispatched from the Heathfield station alone.

The first thought which naturally arises is that there must be some specially-favorable conditions which have led to the development of poultry rearing and fattening in Sussex, Surrey, and West Kent. No one who knows the district would deny that it is a good place for poultry. The downs are strong in calcareous elements, and thought exposed to strong winds from the English Channel, are warm, whilst the undulating nature of the country affords a considerable amount of shelter. But there are many other places equally favorable, and it is evident that force of example and belief in the business have led to its development, rather than any other cause. We have thus another example of that tendency toward concentration which is found in many directions, and it may be taken as true that the fattening business has made the district! rather than that the district has made the business.

To a considerable extent the work of rearing and fattening are disassociated, though some of the fatters breed a proportion of the birds they finish off. I have only come across one person, and this is a woman, who markets her own stock and no more. In this case the total output is only about 250 per annum, but they are of the first quality and are eagerly sought for by dealers. Fatters, as a rule, scour the district around for birds to fill their cages, and carts loaded with pens of fowls form a common sight to be met with on every road and lane. The "higglers," as they are called, know just where to go and when a supply of chickens will be ready for them.

Sometimes we may meet a man with a cage upon his back, as shown in the accompanying illustration, which is used for byroads, and he meets the cart at a determined point. These back-cages hold a couple of dozen birds and are built in two tiers. When loaded it is no light weight for a man to carry. The reason why fatters depend upon rearers rather their own breeding is this:

If we take an ordinary establishment, with accommodation for 50 dozen birds, and assume that the cages will be filled during the busy six months of the year and half filled during the other six months, it will be seen that 23,400 fowls will be dealt with in the course of a year. To breed this number would entail labor and oversight which would alter the character of the enterprise



entirely, and hence it is found necessary to buy from others. The advantage of this arrangement is equally divided. In June last I found that as much as 3s. 6d. was paid for nine and 10-weeks-old chickens of a kind suitable for making first-class table poultry. Farmers and cottagers alike lay themselves out for this work, finding it profitable, as may be imagined. But it must be stated that more is now done by fatters in the way of breeding than formerly. So enormous is the demand that the district does not meet it, and vast quantities of Irish chickens, estimated at something like 300,000 per annum, are brought over to meet the requirements of the fattening establishments. I have no doubt whatever that the supply is increasing, but, at the same time, it is unequal to the growth of demand. Breeders, however, recognize that there is money in the business, and during the earlier and later months of the year chickens appear to be everywhere-under almost every hedge

and by every roadside. While it is true that there are many different methods of rearing and of fattening, still one general idea seems to prevail, and the principles which must underlie a business of this kind are more or less accepted. During the milder months of the year many fowls are fatted in outside pens, placed under the lea of some hedge row, or where they can be protected from wind and rain. In the Uekfield District and in Kent a large quantity of fruit is grown, and these orchards are also utilized for the accommodation of outside

Many fatters complete the process entirely in these cages, but others only keep the birds therein whilst they are feeding from the troughs which can be seen in front. Afterward they are removed to inside pens, when the actual work of cramming commences. These outside pens or eages, as in fact are those inside, are very simply made, consisting of laths of wood generally about 11 inch wide and placed about the same distance apart. Each cage is usually divided into six compartments, and these latter are about 27 inches long, 16 to 18 inches wide, and the same hight. To every compartment is fitted a sliding door in front, for obtaining access to the interior.

The cages, which are in single tiers, are raised about three feet above the ground upon stages, supported by posts. In not a few instances everything is of the simplest and cheapest kind, and the opportunity is taken of a slack season to put together what further cages are likely to be required, either for renewal or extension of operations. Mention has already been made of the fact that shelter is given by a thick hedge against the wind, which is, perhaps, the most to be avoided, but it is also necessary to shelter against rain, and to secure this the tops are either covered with a sloping roof, with branches of trees, or with strips of corrugated iron. The branches of trees are regarded as the best of all, by reason of the fact that they are coolest, and also allow somewhat for the escape of air. Hundreds of these open-air cages are to be seen in Sussex and West Kent, even from the railway train now and R. O. CHESTER. | again. - Country Gentleman.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.